

Act means the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Federal TRIO Programs means the Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*, 1070a-11, 1070-17, 1088, 1141, and 1144a)

Institution of higher education means an educational institution as defined in section 481, 1201(a), or 1204 of the Act.

Leadership personnel means project directors, coordinators, and other individuals involved with the supervision and direction of projects under the Federal TRIO Programs.

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Subpart B—What Kinds of Projects Does the Secretary Assist Under This Program?

§ 642.10 Activities the Secretary assists under the Training Program.

(a) A Training Program project trains the staff and leadership personnel of Federal TRIO Program projects to enable them to more effectively operate those projects.

(b) A Training Program project may include conferences, internships, seminars, workshops, and the publication of manuals designed to improve the operations of Federal TRIO Program projects.

(c) Each year, one or more Training Program projects must provide training for new project directors.

(d) Each year, one or more Training Program projects must offer training covering the following topics:

(1) The legislative and regulatory requirements for operating Federal TRIO Programs.

(2) Assisting students to obtain adequate student financial assistance from programs authorized under Title IV of the Act, as well as from other sources.

(3) The design and operation of model Federal TRIO Program projects.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-17)

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Subpart C [Reserved]

Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

§ 642.30 How the Secretary evaluates an application for a new award.

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 642.31.

(1) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for these criteria.

(2) The maximum possible score for each complete criterion is indicated in the parentheses next to the heading of that criterion.

(b) In addition, for applicants that have conducted a Training Program project within the three fiscal years prior to the fiscal year for which the applicant is applying, the Secretary considers the experience of the applicant on the basis of § 642.32.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d, 1070d-1d)

§ 642.31 Selection criteria the Secretary uses.

The Secretary uses the criteria in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section to evaluate applications:

(a) *Plan of operation.* (20 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows the quality of the plan of operation for the project.

(2) The Secretary looks for information that shows—

(i) High quality in the design of the project;

(ii) An effective plan of management that insures proper and efficient administration of the project;

(iii) A clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purpose of the program;

(iv) The way the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and

(v) A clear description of how the applicant will provide equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have been traditionally underrepresented, such as—

(A) Members of racial or ethnic minority groups;

(B) Women;

(C) Handicapped persons; and